

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 3, 17 and 19-21 without prejudice and amend Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 15, 16, 18, 22 and 23 as follows:

1.(Currently Amended) Telescopic boom of a crane comprising  
a pivot section (2) structured and arranged to be pivoted up or down on a  
horizontal luffing axle (3),  
telescopic sections (5,6,7,8) concentrically arranged to telescope out  
of the pivot section (2),  
a guying (9) having at least one guy stand (11) structured and arranged to pivot  
on either the pivot section (2) or one telescopic section (5) of the concentric pivoting and  
telescopic sections (5,6,7,8),  
at least one guy cable (10) structured and arranged to be supported by the guy  
stand (11), and  
erection mechanism (17) for raising the guy stand (11) out of folded  
transportation position into fully-raised and extended operating position,  
wherein the erection mechanism comprises a tension rod or stay (17) structured  
and arranged to terminate at an outer extended end of the guy stand (11) remote from said  
pivot section (2) or said one telescopic section (5) on which the guy stand (11) is structured  
and arranged to pivot and connect the guy stand (11) with a telescopic section (6)  
internally adjacent said pivot section (2) or said one telescopic section (5) on which the guy  
stand (11) is structured and arranged to pivot,

the guy cable (10) runs unattached over the guy stand (11) and terminates at respective attachment points situated upon said pivot section (2) and one (8) of said telescopic sections (5, 6, 7,8), and

in fully raised, extended and operating position, said tension rod or stay (17) extends between said guy stand (11) and guy cable (10) and forms acute angles with each, facing the boom.

2. (Currently Amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 1, in which the guy stand (11) is inclined, in a fully-open and extended operating position, at an angle ( $\beta$ ) with respect to a cross-sectional plane (15) perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the boom and towards the pivot section (2) in such manner that force induced by the guy cable (10) on the guy stand (11) also induces a tractive force in the tension rod or stay (17).

Claim 3. Canceled

4. (Currently amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 1, in which the guy stand (11) is pivoted on a collar of a middle an intermediate telescopic section (5) of said telescopic sections (5,6,7,8) that is positioned between said pivot section (2) and telescopic section (8) comprising said attachment point.

5. (Currently amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 4, in which the tension rod or stay (17) is pivoted on a collar of ~~an immediately adjacent~~ a telescopic section (6), ~~which is held directly in one of~~ immediately adjacent the telescopic sections section (5) on which the guy stand (11) is structured and arranged to swivel or pivot.

6. (Currently amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 1, in which the length of the tension rod or stay (17) can be adjusted.

7. (Currently amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 1 comprising two said guy cables (10) and tension rods or stays (17), in which the guy stand (11) has two guy supports (12), each structured and arranged to pivot in such a manner that in operating position they are spread apart to form a V, and each of which can be raised into its operating position by means of said respective tension rod or stay (17), and in which said\_respective guy cable (10) runs over each of the guy supports (12).

8. (Previously Presented) Telescopic boom according to claim 1, in which the guy stand (11) is changeable in length.

9. (Currently amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 1, comprising several guy stands (11) pivoted to several sections (5, 6) of the telescopic sections (5,6,7,8) that can telescope into one another.

10. (Previously Presented) Telescopic boom according to claim 1, in which the guy cable (10) or each guy cable (10) can be drawn out and into a cable storage device (18) and by a hook and eye (22) can be locked in a desired cable length.

11. (Previously Presented) Telescopic boom according to claim 10, in which there are several thickening pieces (24) positioned at intervals on the guy cable (10) and the hook and eye (22) has a mobile locking piece (23) that allows one or more of the thickening pieces (24) to run through, or which captures one of the thickening pieces (24).

12. (Previously Presented) Telescopic boom according to claim 10, in which the hook and eye (22) can move by a hook and eye drive (25) in the longitudinal direction of the cable, and the guy cable (10) can be placed under tension by the movement of the hook and eye (22).

13. (Previously Presented) Telescopic boom according to claim 10, in which the hook and eye (22) and/or the cable storage device (18) are on the pivot section (2).

14. (Previously Presented) Telescopic boom according to claim 10, in which the cable storage device (18) has at least one storage pulley (19) into which the guy cable (10) can be drawn and/or in which an auxiliary cable (20) for hauling in the guy cable is attached at the end of the guy cable (10).

15. (Currently amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 2, in which the guy cable (10) runs unattached over the guy stand (11) from an attachment point to an innermost telescopic on the pivot section (8-2), to an attachment point on the is located on a lower area of the pivot section (2).

16. (Currently amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 2, in which the guy stand (11) is pivoted on a collar of a first telescopic section (5) of said telescopic sections (5,6,7,8) that is immediately adjacent held directly in the pivot section (2).

Claim 17. Canceled

18. (Currently amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 15, in which the guy stand (11) is pivoted on a collar of a first telescopic section (5) of said telescopic sections (5,6,7,8) that is immediately adjacent held directly in the pivot section (2).

Claims 19-21. Canceled

22. (Currently Amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 4, in which the collar is situated upon a first telescopic section (5) of said telescopic sections (5,6,7,8) that is immediately adjacent held directly in the pivot section (2).

23. (Currently Amended) Telescopic boom according to claim 6, in which the tension rod or stay (17) is formed from a telescopic pipe with several extension lengths.

24. (Previously Presented) Telescopic boom according to claim 8, in which the guy stand (11) is structured and arranged to be telescoped.

25. (Previously Presented) Telescopic boom according to claim 10, in which the guy cable or each guy cable (10) has, at its end, thickening pieces (24) structured and arranged to engage positively with the hook and eye (22).

26. (Previously Presented) Telescopic boom according to claim 10, wherein the thickening pieces (24) are pressed-on clamps.

27. (Previously Presented) Telescopic boom according to claim 12, wherein the hook and eye drive (25) includes an hydraulic cylinder (26).